MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : I have given my reply. I thought my answer was plain enough.

Remission of tax.

72. ✻MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government and the Land Revenue Commissioner have received applications from the inhabitants of Edayarkara, Koothattukulam pakuthi, Muvattupuzha taluk, praying for remission of tax consequent on the failure of crops and for increased irrigational facilities ; and

(*b*) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted about them and, if so, the result thereof and the officer who conducted the enquiry ?

MR. K. GEORGE : (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*) : With reference to part (*a*) may I know whether any similar application has been received from any of the neighbouring pakuthies ?

MR. K. GEORGE: It is understood that certain petitions were received by the Division Peishkar, Kottayam.

MR KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know whether any action has been taken on that ?

MR. K. GEORGE: No report on these petitions have been received.

Bus accident near Neyyattinkara

73. ✻MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that one of the Travancore State Transport buses ran over an ass at Neyyattinkara or at any other place nearby ;

(*b*) if there was such an accident, whether the Police have taken a case against the owner of the ass and charged it before the Magistrate ;

(*c*) if so, whether the owner of the ass was punished ; and

(*d*) if so, what was the nature and date of the punishment ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) There is no information.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*)

Standardisation of salaries in the Judicial Department.

74. ✻MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the standardisation of salaries was settled in regard to the Judicial Department :

(*b*) whether the disbursement of salaries in the Judicial Department is made in pursuance of the standardisation scales ;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) be in the negative, the reasons therefor ;

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